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Motion Picture Incentive Title 63N, Chapter 8

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Motion Picture Incentive (63N-8-103)

- Cash rebate from restricted account (no digital media)
- Refundable tax credit
 - \$6.8 million in tax credit certificates each FY
 - \$8.4 million for FY22
- Up to 20% of the dollars left in the state
- Additional 5% if the company:
 - Employs significant percentage of cast/crew from Utah
 - Highlight Utah and Utah Film Commission in credits
 - Other promotional opportunities



Motion Picture Incentive (63N-8-104)

- (2) Production standards for receiving the incentive:
 - An incentive may only be issued for a state-approved production
 - Financing has been obtained and is in place for the production
 - Economic impact of the production on the state represents new incremental economic activity in the state as opposed to existing economic activity
- (4) “The office may also consider giving preference to a production that stimulates economic activity in the rural areas of the state...”



Rural Motion Picture Incentive

- 63N-8-103(3)(c):
- “For fiscal years 2023 and 2024, in addition to the amount of tax credit certificates authorized under Subsection (3)(a), the office may issue \$12,000,000 in tax credit certificates under this part **only** for rural productions.”



Sunset Review:

- Additional \$12m in incentives for rural productions: July 1, 2024
- Consider:
 - Is the program necessary?
 - Is the program accomplishing its objective?
 - Are there ways to improve the program?
- Options:
 - Take no action
 - Extend the sunset date
 - Remove the sunset date
 - Make other changes to the program

